

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 15, 16 and 30-33 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Kang; Claim 29 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Smith et al. in view of Kang and Claims 3-14 and 17-28 have been objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

With respect to the above-noted rejection of the claims and the Examiner's objection to certain claims as containing allowable subject matter, it is to be noted that Claims 3-7 and 17-20 have now been placed in independent form with Claims 1, 2, 15, 16 and 29-33 now having been canceled, without prejudice. In view of the foregoing and in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the above-noted claims, it is submitted that the claims of the application now merit indication of allowability. In view of the foregoing, an early and favorable Office Action is believed to be in order and the same is hereby respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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